#### Proclamation No. 2016-001 Proclaiming January 12, 2016 a day of mourning

### In Celebration and Remembrance of the late

# **†ELOY SONGAO INOS**

GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

WHEREAS, Saipan's brothers and sisters on Guam mourn the loss of a great leader, tireless public servant, dear friend, and devoted father.

On behalf of the people of Guam, Governor Eddie Baza Calvo and Lieutenant Governor Ray Tenorio extend their deepest condolences to the family of the late Governor Eloy Songao Inos and to our brothers and sisters in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The people of the CNMI have much to be proud of when they remember Governor Inos. His distinguished career into elected public office began as a councilman in the First Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council in 1990. He would then be appointed as Secretary of Finance in the Fitial administration in 2006. In 2009, Governor Inos would be appointed lieutenant governor in a unanimous confirmation by the members of Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature. In 2013, Governor Inos would become the 8th elected governor of the CNMI.

Governor Inos' dedication to public service is underscored by his love and commitment for the people he served and for the men and women who worked by his side. From his roots as a respected member of the Saipan business community to his calling as a public servant, Governor Inos' passion for improving the lives of the people of the CNMI was evident and will not be forgotten.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim January 12, 2016, a day of mourning, celebration and remembrance of the New Life of the Late Governor Eloy Songao Inos, as we pay tribute to his legacy as our friend, colleague and selfless leader.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of Hagåtña, on this 11th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Anno Domini, Two Thousand Sixteen.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

I Maga'låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:** 

RAY TENORIO

I Segundo na Maga'låhen Guåhan

# Proclamation No. 2016-002 PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY $8-15,\,2016$

#### **AIRPORT WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** 2016 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority (Guam International Airport), the premier airport servicing the Western Pacific region. Created with the mission to develop air linkages and facilities, maintain a superior and reliable level of airport services, and ensure the safety and security of the travelling public, the Guam airport has grown with Guam's important role as a gateway between the world and Micronesia.

The Guam International Airport has developed a significant role in Guam's growth as it continues to meet the dynamic challenges and demands of the global aviation industry. In celebration of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are proud to look back on the milestones and achievements that showcase the spectacular growth and progress accomplished by the Airport's Board, Management and Staff. The airport is also a major driver of the island's economy, generating \$1.7 billion annually as it moves forward with the objective to increase air services on Guam.

With humble beginnings in the aviation industry as a stopover point for the United States Navy and the infamous Pan American China Clipper, the Guam airport's evolution demonstrates the progress of not only the airport but of the island.

Today, the Airport has \$167 million in projects in the works, including a third floor corridor and technological and architectural enhancements on par with those seen in some of the most advanced airports in the Asia-Pacific region. Facilitating our island's growing economy while extending the friendly Chamorro hospitality and spirit of inafa'maolek, the Guam International Airport will move forward as a major player for international travel in the Pacific Region to all parts of the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim January 8 – 15, 2016 as Airport Week.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Eighth** day of **January** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen.** 

EDDIE BAZA CALVO I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:** 

RAY TENORIO

I Segundo na Maga'låhen Guåhan Lt. Governor of Guam

# Proclamation No. 2016-003 PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

#### NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry with the world, with nearly 27 million victims globally. There are 14.2 million people trapped in force labor throughout different industries including agriculture, construction, domestic work, manufacturing, and hospitality. Since 2007, more than 4,000 labor trafficking cases have been reported inside the United States, and victims include migrant works as well as American citizens.

Human trafficking endangers the lives of millions of people around the world and is a crime that tears at the very social fabric and value system of the Guam community. It is a severe crime that deprives and violates victims of their fundamental human dignity. The Guam Human Trafficking Task Force continues to work collaboratively with federal and local partners and numerous non-profit organizations to raise awareness, engage in public education, and provide outreach to bring violators to justice and to assist victims of these heinous crimes and to ensure that our community is made safer.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in collaboration with federal and local partners, the Guam Human Trafficking Task Force, and NMI Human Trafficking Intervention Coalition continues to work collaboratively on a **Pacific Regional Response to Combat Human Trafficking** initiative. The response calls for the establishment and provision of victim services, investigation and prosecution of human trafficking, training opportunities, community outreach/public awareness and prevention programs, and creation of human trafficking task forces and coalitions in the Pacific region island communities. Providing fundamental training in human trafficking, including victimization, investigation and prosecution, prevention efforts, and other related topics, to law enforcement; prosecution; victim service providers; social services; medical, mental and public health professionals; faith based organizations; educational institutions; Consulates; and other community stakeholders, in our Pacific region island communities, is critical to effective prevention and enforcement efforts in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAY TENORIO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan Para Pago, Acting Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim January 2016 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Twelfth** day of **January** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen.** 

RAY TENORIO

# Proclamation No. 2016-005 A PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF

#### THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. championed the rights of people of color in the United States in the 1960s declaring, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Every year, we celebrate Dr. King, Jr. for his courage, vigor, and profound influence in society.

Dr. King, Jr. was the most influential American civil rights leader of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, combatting racial segregation and social injustice. He was undeterred by threats and opposition in a time when racial separation and tensions ran rampant through the United States of America. He promoted equality for all Americans, with his legacy continuing today in commemoration of his birthday, and in the hearts of men and women who share his enduring fight for justice.

On Guam, Dr. King, Jr.'s legacy continues. On his birthday, our island's people participate in a national day of service, actively volunteering and working together to solve our communities' problems, following Dr. King, Jr.'s vision of a beloved community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAY TENORIO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan Para Pago, Acting Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim January 18, 2016 in celebration of the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Fifteenth** day of **January** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen**.

**RAY TENORIO** 

# Proclamation No. 2016-06 PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY $1-5,\,2016$

#### SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

WHEREAS, our island's school counselors have showed their dedication and commitment to the academic, social, emotional, and career development of our students. School counselors help students in both public and private schools reach their full potential and are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents.

Comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the education process that enables all students to achieve success in school. Since 1994, the Guam Association of School Counselors (GASC), a local affiliate of the American School Counselors Association, has ensured the excellence of school counseling programs. GASC provides professional development, researching effective school counseling practices and its relation to the spirit of collaboration, accountability, systemic change, advocacy, responsibility and excellence.

From February 1 to February 5, 2016, Guam joins the nation in recognizing our school counselors. The theme, "School Counseling: The Recipe for Success," resonates with the unique contributions our island's school counselors make. Together, GASC and the island's school counselors help students become productive members of society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAY TENORIO,** *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan Para Pago,* Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim the week of **February 1 – 5, 2016** in celebration of **School Counseling Week.** 

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Twenty-first** day of **January** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen**.

**RAY TENORIO** 

# Proclamation No. 2016-007 A PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF

#### PEACE ON GUAM

**WHEREAS**, our island nestled in the Pacific Ocean is a peaceful place by definition. But as we've seen through recent events right here in our region, Guam needs more people and organizations to promote peace and tolerance in our community.

The Latte Peace Festival brings together organizations that promote and enhance peace on Guam, promoting peace not only on our island, but throughout the world as well. This festival promotes the strength and unity of our community and is rightfully represented by the latte stone, a symbol of the Chamorro culture. Just as latte stones were used in the foundations of ancient Chamorro homes, peace should be the foundation on which we build our society.

Many organizations lend their time, talent, and resources to help everyone enjoy peace in their lives. Organizations like the Soka Gakkai International and TBS Enlightenment Temple who partner with the Tamuning Mayor's Office to host the Latte Peace Festival help our island family enjoy harmony. The Calvo Tenorio Administration thanks our island organizations and leaders who actively promote peace through their various activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim January 23, 2016 in celebration of Peace on Guam.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Twenty-third** day of **January** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen**.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

I Maga' Låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

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**COUNTERSIGNED:** 

RAY TENORIO

I Segundo na Maga'låhen Guåhan

# Proclamation No. 2016-008 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 26, 2016

# DR. DAISAKU IKEDA AND SGI APPRECIATION DAY

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Soka Gakkai International on the island of Guam, a focal point of global peace. Forty-one years ago, a peace conference was held on our island, bringing together SGI members from 51 countries and territories to Guam, the site of some of the fiercest battles of World War II.

Led by Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, the Soka Gakkai International and its 12 million members have worked ceaselessly to forge the global culture of peace through grassroots activities that celebrate the inherent dignity of life, international cultural exchange revealing our shared humanity and nonviolent institution of human rights and education. Dr. Ikeda continues to celebrate the birth of the SGI movement on Guam, serving as a pillar of our peaceful island community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2016 in celebration of Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and SGI Appreciation Day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Twenty-fifth** day of **January** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen**.

**EDDIE BAZA CALVO** 

I Maga' Låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:** 

**RAY TENORIO** 

*I Segundo na Maga'låhen Guåhan* Lt. Governor of Guam

#### PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 5, 2016

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

WHEREAS, Catholic schools focus efforts on ensuring students are learning to high standards of achievement that are alighted to the demands of the workforce. But the efforts of Catholic schoolteachers do not end there. Catholic schools are committed to the holistic development of children into God-loving citizens who respect justice, help the poor and the lonely, and care for their families. This enriching educational experience requires a strict commitment to excellence, a quality in no short supply among the Catholic school community.

Catholic schools engage their students on campus and through the community classroom. Whether it's a beach cleanup, Christmas caroling, or other types of community service, Catholic school students learn about the world by helping it. It's this commitment to service, excellence, academic achievement, and charity for all that inspires a sense of service among every resident.

The national theme is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service, encompassing several concepts that are at the heart of Catholic education. The theme focuses on key components of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. This is a time for Catholic schools to reflect on their impact in the community and to celebrate their selfless services to our island and our people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2016 in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of Hagåtña, on this Twenty-ninth day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Anno Domini, Two Thousand Sixteen.

> EDDIE BAZA CALVO I Maga' Låhen Guåhan

Governor of Guam

## Proclaiming

#### THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2016

#### **GUAM MENTORING AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam's mentoring program provides positive youth development activities to shape and guide tomorrow's leaders. An affiliate of the nation's premier mentoring organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam has been enriching the lives of hundreds of children throughout the island by providing excellence in one-to-one mentoring since 2002.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam is inspired to develop the highest quality programs, services and resources for children facing adversity, meeting its mission to change children's lives forever. Volunteer mentors, or "Big Brothers and Big Sisters" inspire youth by serving as role models. Mentees, or "littles," gain the benefit of an evidence-based program that improves their social and emotional skills, enriching their lives and promoting and reinforcing positive activities, behaviors, and attitudes.

Their efforts also extend to include the whole family. In helping our youth, this organization has become aware of the challenge many families face, helping Big Brothers and Big Sisters to better understand the children they mentor. The organization's zeal and determination to help our youth has ensured our island's impressionable children know they have people who care for them and want to help them have a successful future.

We commend all the volunteer mentors who share their time and talents in providing invaluable guidance and friendship to Guam's youth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAY TENORIO,** *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan Para Pago, Acting Governor of Guam,* by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim **The month of February 2016** as Guam Mentoring Awareness Month.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Second** day of **February** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen.** 

RAY TENORIO

### Proclaiming

# THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2016 IN CELEBRATION OF

#### USO'S 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS,** the USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to their families, home and country throughout their service to the nation. For the last 75 years, the USO has continuously adapted to the needs of our men and women in uniform so they can focus on their very important mission.

The USO has served Guam's military community for over 57 years with roots that began in the 1940s. Throughout the years, USO Guam has provided a home away from home and a sense of community for the estimated **1.5 million** men and women in the military and their families who have either visited Guam or called the island home.

From providing morale-boosting entertainment and family-strengthening programs to providing deployment and redeployment support to help service members adjust to the duty ahead, USO Guam has been proudly recognized as one of the best USO centers in the world by our men and women in uniform and their families. USO and USO Guam's success is the result of the continuing support and generosity of our island's community.

This is a significant milestone for the USO. We thank the USO Guam for its contributions to our island community and for providing unwavering support to our nation's military and their families for over seven decades as they defend our country and its freedoms. By providing support to our men and women in uniform as they perform their most challenging duties around the world, USO has proven they will always be by their side.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAY TENORIO,** *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan Para Pago*, Acting Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim **February 2016** in celebration of **USO's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** 

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Fourth** day of **February** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen.** 

RAY TENORIO

### Proclamation No. 2016-012 PROCLAIMING A STATE OF MOURNING

#### in honor of the late

#### **ANTHONY CRISOSTOMO BLAZ**

WHEREAS, few statesmen have accomplished what the late Anthony "Tony" Crisostomo Blaz achieved in his career in public service.

Many describe Tony as a fighter for those who needed a voice or a helping hand. That would be the easy way to remember all that he did throughout his senatorial tenure and the leadership roles he held in three gubernatorial administrations. In many ways, Tony was the pioneer who bridged an outdated government of Guam to a modernizing world. He wrote our laws on family violence through ERICA's law, created the Crime Victims Assistance Unit, authorized the Domestic Abuse Response Team, and co-authored minimum sentencing requirements on sexual predators. He is the father of the rape and sexual abuse crisis center on Guam, which we now know as Healing Hearts. His concern for social justice led to the modernization of accessible parking laws and the expansion of eligibility under the Medically Indigent Program, so that residents in need of medical care would not be turned away.

Tony was a visionary, a man ahead of his time, who mandated an Institute for Chamorro Studies, co-authored the law to close the Ordot Dump, modernized our real estate and banking codes, and established protocols for rabies prevention through quarantine laws that have kept us designated as one of the few Rabies-free places in the world. He championed radical increases in education funding, the expansion of the qualifying certificate program for economic development, and the conversion to the Guam Waterworks Authority.

He left his mark throughout this island. Tony's commitment to infrastructure development modernized our transportation, recreation, and higher education systems. His laws authorized the construction of several University of Guam buildings, the expansion and reconstruction of modern-day Route 15, the streetlights that line Gov. Carlos Camacho Rd. to the Guam Memorial Hospital, the Hagatna Mayors Office, and athletic facilities throughout the island.

He never stopped working for the people of Guam after his leadership in the Legislature. He was among the most popular talk radio hosts, giving Chamorros their only outlet to express their positions in the native tongue of the land. He answered Gov. Camacho's call to serve at the Guam Economic Development Authority, then joined our administration as a key member of the fiscal team. His contributions are lasting. He helped to bring about fiscal stability for the first time in decades, righting several injustices along the way. His commitment to paying employees and retirees obligations that had been owed for years was something you'd expect from him – he was always trying to make life better for other people. He was always a voice for people whose voices were drowned out by someone else.

Tony was one of the most positive and uplifting human beings we've had the pleasure of working with. We all will miss him dearly. We all will benefit from his contributions for generations to come. Tony is beloved by the people of Guam, the people whom he loved and served to the day of his death. But perhaps the greatest legacy he leaves is his children, who exude that same character of kindness, and that fighting spirit that we remember about Tony. They are caring souls, sensitive to the less fortunate and eternally optimistic about Guam and her future. This is the kind of man Tony was, and these are the virtues he imprinted on his children's hearts. Their love for God and for all the people of Guam is a testament to Tony's life and the enduring spirit that dwells within them.

**Now, Therefore, I, Eddie Baza Calvo,** *I Maga' Lahen Guåhan,* Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim the island in a State of Mourning in honor of the late statesman and Vice Speaker Anthony Crisostomo Blaz. I order all flags to be flown at half staff in his honor until the day of his interment. On behalf of a grateful people, I extend my heartfelt condolences to his beloved children and his entire family, and pray for God's guidance during this difficult time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtna*, on this **Thirty-first** day of **January**, in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen**.

RAY TENORIO

I Segundo na Maga'låhe

COUNTERSIGNED

I Segundo na Maga'låhen Guåhan Lt. Governor of Guam

EDDIE BAZA CALVO
I Maga' Låhen Guåhan

Governor of Guam

Proclamation No. 2016-013 AP roclaiming in celebration of

#### University of Guam Charter Day

**WHEREAS**, 2016 marks the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University of Guam's Charter and the 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the University of Guam (UOG), which was established in 1952 as the Territorial College of Guam and renamed the University of Guam in 1968

Since its founding, UOG has conferred over 16,000 degrees to students who serve as the foundation of our island's and region's professional workforce. Earning a degree from UOG enables every graduate to positively contribute to our island community in both the public and private sector as accountants, scientists, nurses, teachers, entrepreneurs, social workers, administrators and public servants.

UOG, as the only four-year, U.S. accredited, land-grant institution in the Western Pacific, is a public comprehensive university offering 13 master degree programs and 31 bachelor degree programs. UOG's enrollment has grown an average of 1.88% over the last five years reaching a high of 3,991 students for the Fall 2015 semester; the university manages a complex array of over 110 grants and contracts of nearly \$35 million in FY2015. UOG alumni maintain a strong, vibrant presence in all sectors of our community and play a major role in the political, economic, and social development in our region.

This year's Charter Day theme, "Triton Spirit: One University, Many Voices," recognizes the localization of the University community to include local, regional and international students, faculty, and areas of study and research.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby Tuesday, March 8, 2016 as University of Guam Charter Day and March 6 – March 12, 2016 as University of Guam Charter Week. In so doing, please join Lieutenant Governor Tenorio and I in commending UOG, its students, alumni, faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Regents for their many achievements throughout its rich history, and join them in celebration of their commemorative 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We look forward to continuing to support the institution effort to promote higher learningin our island and the region.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Anno Domini, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:** 

**RAY TENORIO** 

I Segundo na Maga'låhen Guåhan

#### Proclamation No. 2016-014 Proclaiming

FEBRUARY 21, 2016 – FEBRUARY 27, 2016 AS

#### ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS (EALS) **WEEK 2016**

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's "Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors" (EALS) Week is Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors Make a World of Difference, we give recognition to all engineers, architects and land surveyors, and their technical contribution to the our island community, the profession, and aspiring men and women who look to become part of the their industry and continue to make a difference.

Beginning on February 21, 2016, we will celebrate a week of dialogue, camaraderie and good will amongst local engineers, architects and land surveyors within the industry. As we celebrate EALS Week 2016, we take a look at sharing knowledge and expertise, improving services and products to customers all over the island and promoting the profession to students with special interests in science, technology, mathematics and engineering.

Our island is in the midst of major renovation. Our eyes can turn confidently towards a bright and beautiful future. From the revitalization in Hagåtña, to commercial development in Tumon and housing development projects in residential areas, the need for engineers, architects and land surveyors is more apparent than ever. The work of this highly skilled community touches upon the all aspects of life on Guam, making us proud to call our island home and making us even prouder to invite the world to visit our piece of paradise.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim the week of February 21 – February 27, 2016 as Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors Week. In so doing, please join Lieutenant Governor Tenorio and I in commending the hard working men and women of the EALSs industry for their vision and dedication to making a difference on our island. We look forward to continuing to support every professional in the industry, and those who aspire to become a part of it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of Hagåtña, on this 19th day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Anno Domini, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

I Maga'låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:** 

RAY TENORIO

I Segundo na Maga'låhen Guåhan

# Proclamation No. 2016-15 PROCLAIMING THE YEAR 2016 IN CELEBRATION, RECOGNITION, AND HONOR OF

#### THE 12<sup>TH</sup> FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS

**W**HEREAS, the 12<sup>th</sup> Festival of the Pacific Arts is the largest international cultural event and gathering in which the people of the Pacific unite to enhance their respect and appreciation of one another. Delegations from 28 Pacific island nations and territories will come together to share their unique cultures. The people of Guam are honored to host the 12<sup>th</sup> Festival of the Pacific Arts in 2016.

As one of the longest running and largest celebrations of indigenous cultures in the world, FestPac aspires to promote and preserve the traditions and customs of the people that call the Pacific home. The festival does so by honoring the legacies left to us by our ancestors, celebrating the language, arts and cultures of the island nations through various traditional performances, demonstrations, story telling and more. Expected to bring together over 3,000 performers, artists, and cultural practitioners in addition to thousands of visitors from all over the world, FestPac unites our community within the largest ocean in the world.

The 2016 festival is Guam's opportunity to showcase its unique Chamorro culture that has survived the colonization of the past, and the modernization of the present, relating to this year's FestPac theme, Håfa Iyo-ta, Håfa Guinahå-ta, Håfa Ta Påtte, Dinanña' Sunidu Siha Giya Pasifiku" – "What we own, what we have, what we share, united voices of the Pacific." The idea highlights the recent resurgence of indigenous identity and cultural preservation that has helped reconnect our island nations. Most of all, it highlights FestPac's mission of reviving the heritages of our island nations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim the year 2016 in celebration, recognition and honor of The Festival of Pacific Arts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Nineteenth** day of **February** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen.** 

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

*I Maga' Låhen Guåhan* Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:** 

RAY TENORIO

I Segundo na Maga'låhen Guåhan

# Proclamation No. 2016-016 Proclaiming THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21 – 27, 2016

#### **GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Invasive Species Council was established through Public Law 31-43 in 2011 "...for the special purposes of providing policy direction, coordination, and planning among government of Guam departments and federal agencies to prevent the introduction of invasive species throughout the island of Guam."

The National Invasive Species Information Center defines "invasive species" as non-native (alien) to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health."

We hear about the brown tree snake, and most recently, the rhino beetle and the little fire ant, all of which have ecological, financial, and social impacts. But there is a list of other species that will cause harm to our island that we do not think about because their damage isn't as apparent or immediate. According to the Global Invasive Species Database, there are 129 documented invasive species on Guam, with 32 of the organisms being classified as some of the world's "most invasive."

The Guam Invasive Species Council has prioritized invasive species outreach education to increase awareness about the unique threats that invasive species pose to Guam and the region. As a community, we come together to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our rare and endemic native species under the direction and leadership of the Guam Invasive Species Council.

This week reminds us that "invasive species is everyone's responsibility." As a people, we must work together to protect and preserve our island's finite natural resources for future generations of Guamanians who call Guam "home."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAY TENORIO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan Para Pago, Acting Governor of Guam, do hereby proclaim February 21st through February 27th, 2016 as Guam Invasive Species Awareness Week. I urge residents to stand together in recognizing the importance of preventing and controlling harmful invasive species, in order to protect our natural resources, our economy, and our way of life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Twenty-fourth** day of **February** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen.** 

RAY TENORIO

# Proclamation No. 2016-17 PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2016 IN CELEBRATION, RECOGNITION, AND HONOR OF

#### **MES CHAMORRO**

Håfa Iyo-ta, Håfa Guinahå-ta, Håfa Ta Påtte, Dinanña' Sunidu Siha Giya Pasifiku What we own, what we have, what we share, united voices of the Pacific

**WHEREAS**, it is in the very heart and soul of each Chamorro where our culture truly lies. The annual celebration of *Mes Chamorro* reminds us that the Chamorro spirit dwells within each of us everyday, with the strength, ingenuity and legacy of the Chamorro people forever residing in our minds and spirits.

*Mes Chamorro* helps preserve and promote what makes our island so unique: the Chamorro culture, language, and heritage. As Guam moves into the future, it becomes more and more important that we continue to plant the seeds of our culture so the minds of children can grow, take root, and extend the branches of our legacy. Just as the Chamorro culture is rooted in a strong sense of family, camaraderie, and tradition, we must be dedicated to perpetuating the beauty of our culture that has endured and continues to grow through time.

Mes Chamorro and the Festival of Pacific Arts share a common theme this year, "Håfa Iyo-ta, Håfa Guinahå-ta, Håfa Ta Påtte, Dinanña' Sunidu Siha Giya Pasifiku" — "What we own, what we have, what we share, united voices of the Pacific." The theme symbolizes the recent resurgence of indigenous identity and cultural preservation that has helped us reconnect with our sister pacific nations. Like other indigenous cultures, the Chamorro identity—its heritage, arts, customs, and language—has been threatened by colonialism, war and globalization. Through the resilience and courage that resonates throughout our island and in our conscious efforts to share our story and our proud legacy the Chamorro people and everyone who calls Guam home will thrive.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAY TENORIO,** *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan Para Pago, Acting Governor of Guam,* by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim **March 2016 Mes Chamorro** in celebration, recognition and honor of **the culture and heritage of the Chamorro people.** 

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Twenty-Fifth** day of **February** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen.** 

RAY TENORIO

# PRUKLÅMASION No. 2016-17 MA PRUKLÅMA I MÅTSO 2016 MA SILEBRA, RIKOKNISA YAN ONRA

#### I MES CHAMORRO

Håfa Iyo-ta, Håfa Guinahå-ta, Håfa Ta Påtte, Dinanña' Sunidu Siha Giya Pasifiku

PUT, gin en i ya hålolom gi kurason yan gi anten i ManChamorro klåru na este na gaige i kuttura. Di kada sillan na ta silebra i Mes Chamorro, mås annok na gaige i espiriton Chamorro giya hita, i fuetsa, i tinemtom, yan i enirensian i ManChamorro ya u chetton gi hinasso yan espiritu.

I silebrasion Mes Chamorro ha na'hahasso hit na ta adahi yan ta abiba i numa'uniko i islåta, i kuttura, i lengguåhi yan i erensian Chamorro. Mientras sigi ha' Guahån mo'na, mumåmås empottånte nata konsigi tumanom i simiyan kuttura gi hinasson famagu'on-ta kosaki u dokko', u fanhale' ya u fanråmas i erensia-ta. Taimanu ha' annai manhåle' i kutturå-ta, fitme gi inaguaiyan familia, gi inafa'maolek yan i kustumbre, ya debidi ta fan dibotu ya ta adahi i gåtbon kutturå-ta ni' hagas machanda lao ta sungon ya ayu na sigi ha' manhåle gi tiempo.

Este na såkkan, i Mes Chamorro yan i Gupot Åtten Pasifiku chumilong gi hinasso "Håfa Iyo-ta, Guinåha-ta, Hafa Ta Påtte, Dinannia' Sunidu Siha Gi Ya Pasifiku."

I tema ha reprisesenta i kinahulo' i man natibu ni' inaminånåsa i inadahen kuttura ni' kinolonisa, i gera yan inestapblesi gi enteru etmundu. Ginen i minesngon yan binatbaru na oppan gi isla-ta yan i animu nata apatta i estoriå-ta yan i na'banidosu na erensian ManChamorro yan todu i taotao ni' mañåsaga gi ya Guåhan siempre uma sodda' i maolek na lina'la'.

PÅ'GU, PUT ESTE NA GUÅHU, SI, RAY TENORIO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan Para Pago, direcho i pudet ginen i 'Organic Act of Guam,' komu ma amenda, hu pruklåma Måtso 2016 Mes Chamorro gi sinilebra, rinikoknisa yan onra gi kuttura yanerensian i ManChamorro.

**TUMESTIGU ANNAI**, hu pega i kannai hu yan i 'Great Seal of Guam' ya hu fitma gi Sengsong Kapitåt gi ya Hagåtña diha Benti Singko gi Fibreru, Åñon i Saina-ta JesuKristo, Anno Domini, Dos Mit Disisais.

RAY TENORIO

I Maga' Låhen Guåhan Para Pago

Proclamation No. 2016-018

\*\*The Proclamation\*\*
IN CELEBRATION OF

### MATSON GUAM'S 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS,** Matson, a leader in Pacific shipping renown for its ocean transportation service and recognized for its industry leading on-time arrival performance and award-winning customer service, celebrates 20 years of excellence in service on Guam.

Since February 1, 1996, Matson Guam set out to serve Guam, the CNMI and the surrounding Micronesia areas with world-class ocean logistics through its biweekly service. Matson Guam has played an integral part in the economic sustainability of our region through its overall quality of ocean services, further enhanced by dedicated terminal facilities, maximization of container throughput, truck turn times and cargo availability upon arrival. The overall service experience is further strengthened by industry leading technology that provides every customer with the necessary tools to manage complex supply chains. Matson's suite of e-commerce capabilities include web-based bookings, online billing features, electronic payments, EDI transactions, and shipment tracking, all of which support greater visibility and speed in delivering key shipment information.

But providing great logistics services only tells one side of the story to Matson Guam's success and contribution towards our island community. *Adahi I Tano*', Matson Guam's environmental and community relations program, has been instrumental in environmental cleanup projects arranged by non-profit organizations. Since 2013, Matson Guam has assisted non-profit groups around the island through monetary and service donations for the benefit of nearly 80 clean ups, islandwide. Additionally, contributions to island communities throughout Micronesia are made annually through the Matson Foundation with monetary contributions for 2016 alone totalling over \$238,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAY TENORIO,** *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan Para Pago, Acting Governor of Guam*, do hereby proclaim **February 25<sup>th</sup>**, **2016** in celebration of Matson Guam's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On behalf of the people of Guam and the entire Calvo Tenorio Administration, I would like to thank the hard working men and women of Matson Guam, congratulate them on a job well done and wish them even greater success, as they continue to contribute to our island's growing economy and remain an example of corporate responsibility for all companies on Guam.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Twenty-fifth** day of **February** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen.** 

RAY TENORIO

Proclamation No. 2016-019

\*\*The Proclamation\*\*
IN CELEBRATION OF

## GUAM CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

WHEREAS, the Guam Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, part of the Association of Government Accountants which has a network of 15,000 members in 100 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 191 active members representing local government and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Guam.

The AGA Guam Chapter members have responded to the association's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and continues to make significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Guam by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirement.

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAY TENORIO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan Para Pago, Acting Governor of Guam, do hereby proclaim March 2016 in recognition and celebration of Guam Certified Government Financial Manager Month. I congratulate the members of the Guam Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, and all government accountants for their service to Guam. I encourage Guamanians to recognize the contributions of these public servants and their commitment to transparency and responsible governance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Twenty-sixth** day of **February** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen.** 

RAY TENORIO

Proclamation No. 2016-020 A Proclamation

#### IN CELEBRATION OF THE

### GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW PUREBRED **BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU ACADEMY HEADQUARTERS**

WHEREAS, the Purebred Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy opened its doors in 2006 with a vision "to lead, inspire and motivate those who have chosen the Jiu-Jitsu lifestyle as a way to positively transform their lives and their community, and our beautiful island of Guam."

Today, this vision remains the same as thousands of island residents have embraced Jiu-Jitsu as a gentle art, to increase their quality of life, through peacefulness, clarity, fitness and strength. As the popularity of the art as competitive sport continues to rise, we see hundreds of our island residents, of every age, race and gender competing on the international stage and bringing glory, honor and recognition to Guam as they represent our island around the globe.

Events such as the International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Asian Open and the World Jiu-Jitsu Championship have given members of Purebred a chance to show Guam's talent, love and appreciation for the art to the world by demonstrating not only our technique and expertise, but our goodwill and fierce competitive sportsmanship as well. Under the instruction of professors Steven Roberto and Terrence Aflague, the future of the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu on Guam remains bright.

Academies such as Purebred give everyone on the island an opportunity to learn, appreciate and become passionate about the art. Our eyes turn gratefully towards everyone who has embraced Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu as a positive character building block.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim February 27, 2016 in celebration of the new Purebred BJJ Academy Headquarters grand Opening and for 10 years of excellence in sportsmanship on Guam. The Calvo Tenorio administration thanks all the hard working men and women who have contributed to the success of the art and the academy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of Hagåtña, on this Twenty-seventh day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Anno Domini, Two Thousand Sixteen.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

I Maga' Låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

**RAY TENORIO** 

I Segundo na Maga'låhen Guåhan

Proclaiming

THE MONTH OF MARCH 2016 AS

# SOCIAL WORK MONTH: HOLISTIC TRANSFORMATION FOR A HEALTHY MICRONESIA

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the social work profession has been to enhance the well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society.

Social workers are change agents who put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through major legislative, regulatory, and social policy victories. Social workers support families, understanding that individuals and communities can bring about group change. They continue to work to improve the rights of women, men, and children of all ages, ethnic groups, and socio-economic backgrounds.

Social workers know from experience that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages. Social workers help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems.

Social workers celebrate the courage, hope and strength of the human spirit throughout their careers, recognizing that all children have the right to safe environments and quality education; dignity and care-giving for our *Man'amko* help define our island's character; veterans and their families need community support to ensure successful transitions after service; and access to mental health treatment and health care services can save lives

Research shows that all people, no matter their circumstance, at some time in their lives, may need the expertise of a skilled social worker. Our island is thankful for their services as they allow for us to see the inner beauty in ourselves and in each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2016 in celebration of Social Work Month. In keeping with this year's theme, "Holistic Transformation For A Healthy Micronesia," The Calvo Tenorio administration thanks all the hard working men and women in the profession who make a difference, and continue to make a difference in the lives of all those who need help. We are proud of the hundreds of social workers in our region who are a part of the 132,000 members of the National Association of Social Workers, who make strides in the field to better serve our island community. Biba social workers! Biba Guam!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **First** day of **March** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen.** 

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

*I Maga' Låhen Guåhan* Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:** 

RAY TENORIO

*I Segundo na Maga'låhen Guåhan* Lt. Governor of Guam

Proclamation No. 2016-004

A PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of

# OUR RECOMMITMENT TO WORKSITE HEALTH AND WELLNESS

WHEREAS, the overall health and wellness of each Government of Guam employee is vital to the Island's collective health, productivity, and quality of life. Guam has seen an epidemic of non-communicable diseases such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, and diabetes, burdening Guam's families with their associated risk factors and risking health care costs. These diseases are preventable by adopting healthier lifestyles through proper nutrition, increased physical activity, and prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and drug abuse.

The Governor of Guam Executive Order 2012-07 establishes the Government of Guam Worksite Wellness Program. Several agencies currently implement the worksite wellness program, demonstrating the health benefits to be gained by participants of such programs. Education and other wellness activities aim to enhance and compliment the physical fitness activities of employees, with health coaches among each agency planning and implementing wellness activities that will make the Worksite Wellness Program more dynamic and interesting.

The continuation of physical fitness and wellness programs will benefit the government, employees, and community as a whole. Employees who regularly participate in the worksite wellness program will experience noticeable health benefits, better quality of life, will report fewer medical expenses, and will report higher levels of work productivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'Låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2016 in recognition of our Recommitment to Worksite Health and Wellness.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Fifteenth** day of **January** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Sixteen**.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO I Maga' Låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam